

Approved 01/14/10

Exeter Fire District

(November 12, 2009)

Call to Order

Chairman Peter Lacouture called the November meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:10pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Wilbur, Aker, Gallagher, Rooney, Slater and Nievera. Ms. Caito, district treasurer, was also present. There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Caito reported the beginning balance in the district accounts to be \$39,982.79 as of July 08, 2009. Activity within the accounts brings the balance to \$274,947.76 as of October 8, 2009. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Aker second) accepting the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera has compared the bank statements with the reports of the treasure and is satisfied with their accuracy.

Previous Month's Minutes

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Gallagher second) acceptance of the minutes of the September meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.

Communications

Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail had been given to the treasurer for her action. He also reported that the confirmation for the use of the EWG High School auditorium had been received. The Annual Meeting of the Exeter Fire District will be held on April 14, 2010. Of additional note, the application for the state legislative grant has been received as well as two letters concerning personal bankruptcies. The bankruptcy information was given to Mr. Lacouture for clarification and direction.

Old Business

Mr. Nievera read the report of the collector and gave a brief report on the status of delinquent accounts as of 10/28. He also reported that the abatements for the month were not being presented because the town tax assessor did not get them to Ms. McMahon in time for tonight's meeting. They should be ready for approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Nievera also asked the board for their input on the spending of the \$1,000 legislative grant money. His intent is to purchase an

energy efficient space heater for use in the collector's office. He indicated that the remainder of the grant money would be used to purchase various office supplies.

The district collector has requested to close the tax office on Wednesday November 25, the day before the Thanksgiving holiday. Mr. Nievera noted that the day in question has historically been a very light traffic day. Mr. Lacouture asked that the closure be placed on the office taped announcement. Mr. Nievera said that would be done in addition to signage at the office. There were no objections to the office closure.

Mr. Rooney reported that his ISO committee had scheduled a meeting for December 2nd.

New Business

Mr. Lacouture reported that Station #2 had been in discussions with the RI DEM, DCYF and the officials at camp E-Hun-Tee regarding the newly posted weight limits on the bridges within the Arcadia Management area. The lack of maintenance on the bridges is proving to be a hindrance to public safety within the management area.

Mr. Aker asked Chief Curry what affect the State Fire Academy would have on the town of Exeter. Chief Curry replied that discussions are in the early stages and there is very little detail available at this time. He feels that the academy will take several years to become completely staffed and fully operational.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Fire District, Board of Commissioners will be held on January 14, 2010. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public library and will begin at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Gallagher second) adjournment at 8:05pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bill Nievera, Clerk
Exeter Fire District**